REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 9-14, drawn to a gray soda lime silica glass comprising

from 400-700 ppm of NiO.

Group II: Claims 1-6 and 8-14, drawn to a gray soda lime silica glass comprising

from 1500-1900 ppm of NiO.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 9-14 (drawn to a gray soda lime silica glass comprising from 400-700 ppm of NiO), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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